



## Newsletter 2020

Dear Friends,

### **Prioritisation of Endocrine Surgery during the Covid-19 pandemic**

We thought that it might be useful to have some guidance on how to prioritise patients for surgery at a time when elective surgery is being cancelled in order to concentrate resources towards the emergency care of Covid-19 patients.

We suggest that those patients who require consideration for surgery during these emergency measures include

Adrenal:

Adrenocortical cancer  
Pheochromocytoma or paraganglioma that cannot be controlled medically

Parathyroid:

HPT with life-threatening hypercalcaemia that cannot be controlled medically

Thyroid:

Life-threatening or severely symptomatic Graves' that cannot be controlled medically  
Goitre causing airway compromise  
Thyroid cancers that are imminently threatening the life or the health of the patient such as those with short double timings or aggressive recurrences.  
Open biopsy to confirm a suspected diagnosis of anaplastic thyroid cancer or thyroid lymphoma in order to direct appropriate treatment.

General:

Endocrine disorders in pregnant patient that are dangerous to the health of the mother or foetus that cannot be controlled medically

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